

September 26-28, 2013 - Helena, MT Conference-At-A-Glance

	Thursday 9/26	Friday 9/27	Saturday 9/28
8:00 am		registration open 8am – 1:30 pm	
8:30 am - 11:45 am		3 hour morning workshops	3 hour morning workshops
1:30 – 5pm		LUNCH: OCLC Spotlight	LUNCH: Trustee Reserved tables
Friday 12:45-3pm Saturday		3 hour afternoon workshops	2 hour afternoon workshops
5:30 pm	Online Resources Expo Montana State Library registration open	Library Leaders Dinner Meeting: Montana Room	



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Fall Workshops 2013

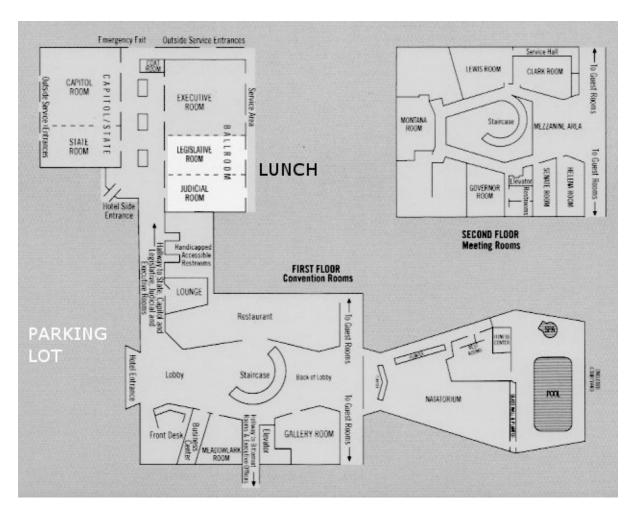
Just the Facts...

If you pre-registered, your schedule will be provided when you check in.

• September 26th – 5:30-7 pm Online Resources Expo at the *Montana State Library 1515 E. Sixth Avenue* – come to the ORE!

Light refreshments served. The ORE is a speed learning experience: eleven stations each featuring an online resource: Montana maps, library statistics, state publications, professional development resources and more...registration will be available at the ORE.

- September 27th 8:30 5 pm Red Lion Colonial Inn 2301 Colonial Drive
 - 3-hour seminar-style sessions morning and afternoon
 - coffee & hot tea available all day
 - Extended lunch session with informational presentation about OCLC Spotlight with Paul Cappuzzello
 - Lunch is free: vegetarian wrap & kettle chips
 - Afternoon break: cookies and whole fruit
 - 5:30-7:30 Library Leaders Dinner Meeting Montana Room
- September 28th 8:30 3 pm Red Lion Colonial Inn 2301 Colonial Drive
 - 3-hour seminar style sessions in the morning; 2-hour seminars in the afternoon
 - coffee & hot tea available all day
 - Lunch is free: Spud & chili bar (bison & vegetarian)
 - <u>Library Trustees</u>: please be seated at reserved tables
 - Afternoon break: lemon bars, brownies, and whole fruit



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Directions:

The Red Lion is located near the junction of US 12 and I-15.

From I-90 West:

- Take Exit 174 -Merge onto US-12 toward Garrison/Helena
- Follow the signs through Helena on US-12 (merges with US 15B)
- After you turn left onto 11th Avenue, stay in the right lane
- Just past Hannaford Street, bear right onto Colonial Drive
- Hotel is on the right

From I-15 or 287 North:

- Take Capitol Exit 192 off of I 15
- Follow the signs toward the hospital
- The Red Lion Colonial Hotel is located on the corner of California & Colonial Drive

From I-90 East or 287 South:

- Take 297 North (Exit 274 off I90)
- Cross over I15; turn left onto N Fee St
- Continue straight across the next intersection & bear left onto Colonial Drive
- Hotel is on the right







Friday, September 27th

8:30 -11:45 am concurrent 3-hour sessions
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The 21st Century Library LEWIS
Libraries as Innovation Incubators CLARK
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How to Start & Maintain Mentoring Relationships LEWIS
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Communicating with Local Government CLARK

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Roving Customer Service: a model for implementing change LEWIS

Reading & Research: two collaborative standards-based projects STATE



State 2013 FALL WORKSHOPS session descriptions

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All sessions are eligible for OPI credit. To receive OPI credit, collect signatures from your presenters on the schedule you will receive when you check in and submit those along with the cover sheet found at the registration desk with Jo Flick. OPI credit certificates will be mailed within 6 weeks.



Thursday evening, September 26th 5:30 - 7 pm

The Montana State Library ONLINE RESOURCES EXPO

Speed learning demos by Montana State Library staff, light refreshments served. 1 CE Credit: Technology

Friday, September 27th

8:30-11:45 am Concurrent 3 hr. sessions

DiscoverIt! Search Tool - customization & reports -Lisa Dennis (Ebsco), Cara Orban (Montana State Library)-facilitator

This is a hands-on session for participants to get advanced guided practice working with the administration of each library's profile in the Ebsco Discovery System, EDS (which is branded DiscoverIt! in Montana). Montana has adopted this webscale discovery search tool so that every library in Montana can have several different online search options for their patrons to discover not only the Ebsco database content, but any other content that may linked and searched with the DiscoverIt! search tool.

3 CE credits: Collections Management and Technical Services

The 21st Century Library – Suzanne Reymer, Montana State Library Consultant

New Librarianship (Abridged) - Time are changing and we need to look at more ways to keep ourselves relevant and essential to our communities. Join us for a look at and discussion of David Lankes' views on the future of our profession. This is a redesign of the 21st Century Libraries workshop provided over the past year. Some of the same concepts will be explored in new ways with lots of lively discussion as well as ideas for libraries of all types.

3 CE credits: Library Administration

Libraries as Innovation Incubators – Panel: Public Library staff: Jim Semmerlroth of Missoula, Sean Anderson of Great Falls, Heather Dickerson of Lewis & Clark, with facilitator Cara Orban, Montana State Library

Libraries have always been centers for learning. The maker-space movement has brought additional learning opportunities into the library by providing the tools, technologies, and training to develop new skills and reinforce educational concepts in a fun, creative way. In this session we will hear from libraries across Montana that have designed their own unique spaces and programs to encourage innovation in their communities, and learn about some easy and inexpensive ways to bring a little maker-space magic to your library.

3 CE credits: Library Services to the Public

Events That Meet the Mission and...MORE! — Debbie Winlock, Director, Page Public Library, AZ & Kim Crowley, Flathead County Library System

Reach a new audience, fill a critical need in the community, secure the role of the library as a vital community anchor institution: just some of the mission-oriented goals that can be addressed through innovative activities. Debbie Winlock's from Page, AZ (Best Small Library in America 2011) and Kim Crowley, of Flathead County Library System share tips and facilitate discussion.

3 CE credits: Library Administration

Montana Shared Catalog - cataloging update - Amy Marchwick & Melody Condron

All the latest things in MSC Cataloging! We'll cover the new Standard Cataloging Procedures, go over some of the changes coming from RDA, and spend some hands on time practicing enhancing records with things like Series Names and AR Levels.

3 CE credits: Collections Management and Technical Services

11:45am – 12:30pm LUNCH

12:30-1:30 pm OCLC SPOTLIGHT - learn how patrons around the world can find your library information ...and then get signed

up. – Paul Cappuzzello, OCLC -Be sure to stop by the registration desk to claim your library's registration in Spotlight!

1 CE credit (please claim your registration to qualify for credit): Technology

1:45 pm - 5:00 pm Concurrent 3 hr. sessions

RDA – an introduction – Roberta Gebhardt, MT Historical Society Research Center & Laura Tretter, MT Law Library

RDA (Resource Description and Access) became the official cataloging standard of the Library of Congress and the British Library on April 1, 2013; and many more large national libraries will implement the standard this year. Laura Tretter from the MT State Law Library and Roberta Gebhardt from the Montana Historical Society will provide attendees an introduction to RDA, review the primary differences of the new standard, and offer some insights on how RDA implementation will impact libraries in Montana.

3 CE credits: Collection Management and Technical Services

How to Start & Maintain Mentoring Relationships – Samantha Hines, University of Montana

Come learn what works well for growing mentoring relationships. We'll develop plans for professional growth, talk about ways to link those plans to people, then about how to approach, connect with, and develop a mentoring relationship. You will leave with ideas on who to approach, why you want to connect with them, and how to make it work well for all sides of the relationship.

3 CE credits: Library Administration

Women's History Matters – Martha Kohl, Montana Historical Society & Jennifer Birnel Montana Memory Project

2014 is the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Montana and the perfect moment to revisit the hidden history of Montana's women. For example: did you know that women were central to the founding libraries across the state? (One historian estimates 75% of libraries were founded by women!) Let's talk about how to use the 2014 anniversary to engage our communities in reflecting on, learning from, and celebrating the history of women in Montana. Learn about opportunities to commemorate this anniversary and brainstorm ways that your library can get involved.

3 CE credits: Library Services to the Public

Conscience & Conduct: ethics in the library – Lauren McMullen, MT State Library Consultant

Equitable access, intellectual freedom, privacy and confidentiality, transparency, fairness, respect, honestly, integrity. In libraries this sounds easy, right? What happens when principles collide? Have you ever faced a difficult ethical situation? In this session we'll work with scenarios based on real life experiences to consider how ethics inform your relationships with all library stakeholders. You'll learn how to incorporate ethical principles into systems and services and create a culture of ethical behavior in your library.

3 CE credits: Library Services to the Public

Montana Shared Catalog – all about statistics – Amy Marchwick & Melody Condron, MTShared Catalog

Everybody wants statistics from libraries: boards, patrons, the State Library, OPI, and other government entities. We'll go over the best ways to gather statistics using Reports and Director's Station, discuss options for having the stats you need automatically delivered, and talk about how to best utilize item and user categories to get the most out of your stats. We'll also walk through the steps to get the data needed for yearly reports.

3 CE Credits: Library Administration

5:30 – 7:00 pm Dinner for Summer Leadership participants Julie Benson Rosston facilitates a discussion about progress on projects so far, and conducts a formative evaluation on the institute for use in planning upcoming training activities.

Saturday, September 28th

8:30-11:45 am Concurrent 3 hr. sessions

Spreadsheets 101 – practical uses for the library – *Heather Johnstone, Rosebud County Library with Amy Marchwick, MT State Library* If you have ever struggled with spreadsheet software like Microsoft Excel, if you've ever gotten frustrated when your sum columns won't calculate correctly, if it seems like you always have to ask a coworker for help when working with a spreadsheet, then this session is for you. Presented in response to requests for basic, practical, and hands on training about spreadsheets, this session is taught by a librarian, for librarians.

3 CE credits: Technology

The Affordable Care Act in Montana – Christina Goe, General Counsel in the Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

This session will explain the health insurance marketplace coming soon to Montana that people can use to find health insurance options under the new law. The ACA insurance marketplaces go live on the internet beginning October 1, 2013 and will make adequate and affordable insurance available to many people who have never had insurance before. Our state's libraries are a primary point-of-access for Montanans who do not have Internet access at home, so it is likely that librarians will be called upon to assist patrons who are seeking out information about the ACA. This session will introduce library staff to the new law, explain the process for Montanans, show where online information can be found, and provide resources for referral.

3 CE credits: Library Services to the Public

Me - A Digital Librarian? Jennifer Birnel & Lauren McMullen, Montana State Library

Do you have unique collections of local materials at your library that you want to make accessible to the world? Don't know where to start? Do the words "digital project" sound scary to you? Not to worry! This session will completely demystify the digitization process. You'll learn how to plan your project and see how easy it is to create a digital collection.

3 CE Credits: Collection Management and Technical Services

Everyone Outwardly Focused: a holistic approach to community engagement – Julie Benson-Rosston, Collaboration Institute

Participants in this session will explore different strategies for engaging with their community, review relevant best practices from outside the library field, and go home better prepared to expand the impact of the library in their community. Intended for staff at all levels, volunteers, and trustees. Benson-Rosston conducts leadership and management training throughout Montana and is a member of the faculty at Carroll College.

3 CE credits: Library Administration

Critical Literacy Through the Lens of Indian Education for All (IEFA) - Dorothea (Dottie) Susag & Justine Jam, OPI

This insightful workshop will provide a foundation for reading text to understand power, inequality and injustice in human relationships; in particular, the historical and contemporary issues of American Indians. How we individually and collectively interpret messages within text requires a critical lens. Teachers can only teach critical literacy to students if they first examine societal issues and structures, themselves. OPI IEFA/ELA lessons and corresponding literature construct knowledge using reflection, discussion, and writing to promote critical literacy. Connections to the Montana Common Core Standards for Literacy will be highlighted, as well.

3 CE credits: Library Services to the Public

11:45 am – 12:45 pm **LUNCH 11**

12:45 pm – 3 pm Concurrent 2 hr. sessions

Engaging Your Audience – Marsha Iverson, Communications Strategist, Washington

Your library has a lot to offer, and you want to tell the world...or at least everyone in town. Where do you begin? What tools do you use? How can you find and reach your audience? Bring your latest challenges to this workshop with PR Veteran Marsha Iverson and develop your own communications plan using social and traditional media, partnerships and collaborations to create library buzz in your community.

2 CE credits: Library Services to the Public

Communicating with Local Government – Harold Blattie, MT Association of Counties & Susan Good Geise, Lewis & Clark County Commissioner Explore strategies to improve communications and relations with local public officials, especially elected county officials. This session will provide insights to the underlying issues of county boards that often impact interactions between commissioners and libraries. While these relationships are somewhat governed by statute, there are always informal opportunities to improve them and the presenters will offer some tips on how to do that. Harold Blattie is a former commissioner for Stillwater County and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Montana Association of Counties.

2 CE credits: Library Administration

The Montana Memory Project – a how-to guide for research & fun – Jennifer Birnel, MT State Library

Did you know that the Montana Memory Project (MMP) now has over 450,000 items and this number is growing every day? Have you taken the time to see what you can find in the MMP? Have you shared this valuable resource with your library patrons? In this session learn how you can use the Montana Memory Project pages for researching genealogy, learning local history, and to reminisce. Come learn more about how the Montana Memory Project is where Montana's rich past meets its people.

2 CE credits: Technology

Roving Customer Service: a model for implementing change – *Connie Behe, Flathead County*

Want to completely renovate your library? Maybe you just want to change a small process. Either way, learning how to manage change will help you be successful in any endeavor large or small. Recently, the Flathead County Library shrunk their service desks and implemented roving customer service as part of a larger effort to provide a friendlier and more efficient service model. In this session, you'll learn about that initiative, and you'll discover the process employed to help library staff adapt to and embrace the change. Bring your library change projects, we'll have time to group problem solve and get free advice from our library colleagues.

2 CE credits: Library Administration

Reading and Research: 2 Collaborative Standards-based Projects – Joan Meyer, Capital HS and Kate Peterson, Helena HS

Join expert teacher-librarians as they present their strategies and resources for collaborating with content area teachers. Joan will share "Close Reading Practices: A Model for Classroom Support" and Kate will share "World Cultures Small Research Papers." Participants will see the Common Core standards brought to life with rich resources, technology-infused lessons, and expertise that only teacher-librarians can bring.

2 CE credits: Library Services to the Public



2013 Fall Workshops

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PRESENTERS

Sean Anderson is the reference Librarian at the Great Falls Public Library. Sean holds a B.A. in English and an M.A. in Mass Media Communication from the University of Wyoming. Sean has served at GFPL for almost 3 years, and he brings his enthusiasm to bear on innovative programs and initiatives like the MakerSpace. In his spare time, Sean enjoys reading, working with computers, cycling, and any number of DIY projects





Connie Behe is the Assistant Director at the Flathead County Library System. She started her career in public libraries in Circulation and has since worked closely with most departments, gaining a unique perspective on library systems and change in the workplace. When not pursuing fresh approaches to library services, she's looking for ways to make strategic planning and change management fun.

Julie Benson-Rosston, M.A., is a professor in the Communication Department at Carroll College in Helena, Montana. Over the past 23 years, she has taught at the University of Minnesota-Morris, the University of Montana-Missoula, and Red Rocks Community College in Denver. She teaches conflict management, interpersonal communication, public speaking, organizational communication, intercultural communication and communication theory. Julie is also a communication consultant, most recently as an Associate with the Collaboration Institute, where she works as a facilitator, mediator, coach, trainer, and presenter.





Jennifer Birnel was recently appointed the Director of the Montana Memory Project. She formerly served as the trainer for the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) Technology Trainer for the Montana State Library. She taught middle school for 12 years, holds a BA in communications and a master's degree in literacy. She has been teaching about the use of technology throughout her career to both her "digital native" students and her colleagues who are just learning to navigate the digital world. Jennifer enjoys SCUBA diving with her husband, Mike

Harold Blattie is Executive Director of the Montana Association of Counties. Working with the Montana State Library, Mr. Blattie has presented to library federation meetings on the topic of budgeting for Public Libraries and in webinars on the responsibilities of library boards. Formerly, he served as a commissioner for Stillwater County.



Paul Cappuzzello has been an OCLC staff member since 1981, serving in a variety of positions, including Senior Library Services Consultant, ILL Training, Resource Sharing Services, and User Support. He currently works with consortia and statewide programs in the Western U.S., including Montana. Prior to joining OCLC, Paul was a Bibliographic Instruction Coordinator at California State University, Long Beach and a Reference and Bibliographic Instruction Librarian at the University of Toledo. Paul received an MLS from the University of Michigan and a BA from Youngstown State University.

Melody Condron is the Library Systems Technician for the Montana Shared Catalog. Everyday, she assists public, special, academic, and school libraries with their catalog/ILS and technical issues. Melody is enrolled at the University of North Texas as a graduate student studying library science. Previously, she served as the Collection Management Librarian for the Lincoln County Public Libraries in Libby, MT. Melody actively promotes and supports the community gardens of Helena.





Kim Crowley For the past 10 years, Kim Crowley has been the director of the Flathead County Library System--a library system where the quest for ideas, dreams, and self-fulfillment is supported every single day both for staff and library users. Crowley is passionate about libraries and exploration and tries to bring the two together whenever she can.

Amy Davis spent most of her life in Ohio before moving to Montana 2 years ago. She attended Kent State University in Ohio for her MLIS degree and couldn't find a library job in Ohio. Fate brought her to Billings, Montana where she has happily worked for the past two years at the Billings Public Library. She lives with her husband, two dogs and soon to be born baby in Laurel, MT.





Lisa Dennis is an Implementation Specialist for EBSCO. Prior to joining EBSCO, Lisa spent 8 years at Microsoft in product development and marketing. She was also the Director of Marketing for Developer Labs, a Microsoft-certified partner. Lisa enjoys gardening, scuba diving, hiking America's national parks – and reading, of course! When not traveling in western US and Canada, she's at home in San Diego, CA with her husband and two happy dogs.

Heather Dickerson Heather Dickerson is the Teen Services Librarian at Lewis & Clark Library in Helena. She love that part of her job is making fun stuff and taking silly photos! When she's not busy in the library, Heather loves hiking, climbing, and all around adventuring with her new husband.



Roberta Gebhardt Roberta began working in libraries in 1995. She's worked in circulation, Inter Library Loan, Readers' Advisory, and finally found her niche with cataloging. She graduated from the University of North Texas with an MLS in 2006. She currently works as the Technical Services Librarian at the Montana Historical Society.

Christina Lechner Goe joined the Montana Department of Insurance as an attorney in August 1999 and is currently the General Counsel for the department. Her job duties focus primarily on state and federal health insurance law and related health reform issues, privacy law, the regulation of insurance companies, and drafting legislation and administrative rules. Previously, Ms. Goe worked at the Montana Attorney General's Office and at the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office in San Jose, California. She is a member of the California State Bar (1980) and the Montana State Bar (1995). Ms. Goe received a B.A. in history from Stanford University in California and a J.D. from Santa Clara University in California. She is currently the chair of the NAIC ERISA working group and was formerly the chair of the NAIC Market Analysis Procedures working group.

Susan Good Geise is a Commissioner for Lewis and Clark County and formerly served as the librarian of the Augusta branch library and a member of the Montana House of Representatives. She holds a BA in Government from Smith College. Susan has taught middle school in two polar-opposite settings: Jesuit Prep in Brooklyn, NY and De La Salle Blackfeet School in Browning, MT. Susan has been politically active not only as a representative in government but also as an advocate. Born on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, Susan moved to Missoula at age ten, Susan resides in Augusta; she finds great delight in family, friends, books, and cooking (all at once, if possible).



Samantha Schmehl Hines received her MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2003. In 2004 she was hired as the Social Science Librarian by the Mansfield Library at The University of Montana-Missoula and is currently the Distance Education Coordinator and Head Librarian for the Missoula College campus of The University of Montana. She writes and presents widely on issues of online library services, information literacy instruction, and library middle management, and is the author of Productivity for Librarians (2010, Chandos).

PR veteran Marsha Iverson holds a Masters' degree in Strategic Public Relations from The George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management. In her work for the King County Library System, Marsha brought the library numerous awards for campaigns and community outreach, including John Cotton Dana Awards, a Women in Communications Clarion Award, and Library of the Year. Marsha's strategies have reached new audiences, enhanced public awareness, and built support for libraries.



Justine Jam was born in Washington DC and raised primarily in Montana. Justine attended U of M, Missoula and graduated with a BS from MSU-N, Havre and received an MA, in 2006 from New Mexico Highlands University in Curriculum & Instruction. She taught as a K-3 Reading Instructor and 3rd grade classroom instructor at Rocky Boy Elementary, Chippewa Cree Reservation for three years. Justine was also a classroom instructor for Grades K, K/1, 3rd and a K-6 Art instructor for Navajo, Hispanic, Zuni, Hopi, and Anglo students in Gallup and Las Vegas, NM. Justine currently provides teachers and administrators support to integrate Indian Education for all as an OPI IEFA Implementation Specialist.



Heather Johnstone is a Library Clerk and former BTOP Technology Trainer at Rosebud County Library in Forsyth. She began her library career in September 2012 after working in Special Education in public schools. Heather has been teaching a variety of technology focused classes since her arrival at Rosebud County Library. Her current responsibilities include IT Maintenance and Outreach, Teen Services, and Audio-Visual Cataloging. She has degrees in Business Administration (Management) and Sociology, as well as a minor in Communication Studies from the University of Montana.

Martha Kohl is a historical specialist at the Montana Historical Society and the author of *I Do: A Cultural History of Montana Weddings*. A member of the Society's Outreach and Interpretation Program, she oversaw production of the middle school textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*. When she's not working on curriculum, conducting teacher trainings, or writing National Register signs, she helping lead the Society's Women's History Matters project to commemorate Montana's women's suffrage centennial.





Amy Marchwick is the Montana Shared Catalog trainer. She attended Montana State University, studying English Literature. Amy previously worked at the Belgrade Community Library for more than thirteen years, and really enjoys helping people get hooked on books. Find Amy's online every month with her informative Webinars and across the treasure state as the MSC expands its library members. She loves all animals, and owns three cats and a dog.

Lauren McMullen is a statewide consulting librarian for the Montana State Library and formerly served as Training and Development Specialist. As the training specialist, Lauren pioneered the use of online technologies to promote library learning across the Treasure State. She has an MLS from the University of North Texas and worked as director of the Carnegie Public Library (Big Timber) before coming to the State Library in 2006.



Joan Meyer is a teacher librarian at Capital High School in Helena. She collaborates with classroom teachers on research projects and provides research instruction to students grades 9-12. With the adoption of the Common Core, her professional focus has expanded to include curriculum support for literacy as it relates to complex text and close, analytic reading. With this goal in mind, the Helena high school librarians have developed a teacher instructional model for close, analytic reading that is mapped to the Common Core with applicability in history/social studies, science and technical subjects.





Cara Orban is the Statewide Projects Librarian at MSL. Before arriving in Helena, Cara worked as a reference librarian in Tulsa, Oklahoma and as a digitization project manager for the Appalachian College Association in Berea, Kentucky. After hours, Cara enjoys hiking, gardening, and making art and music with her family, which includes two energetic little boys, Will and Emory.

Kate Peterson Kate Peterson is in her second year as a librarian at Helena High School. Before that, Kate taught English for nine years. She is passionate about the research process and reading advocacy with the students in her school and works to foster collaborative relationships with her colleagues. In her free time, she chases her three children around and enjoys hiking, camping and skiing.





Suzanne Reymer is Consulting Statewide Librarian for the Montana State Library (since 1999). She is an avid explorer of e-books, e-readers and trends, actively researching new developments in electronic reading devices. Suzanne has a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Washington and considers herself both a technology enthusiast and skeptic. She is an e-reader omnivore, having owned Kindles, Nooks, Sony and Kobo e-readers as well as an iPad and several smart phones.

Jim Semmelroth has been taking care of the Missoula Public Library IT infrastructure for more than 20 years and is currently the Network Administrator. Through his business, Acme Gadget, he also assists a few western Montana businesses and libraries with their IT needs. After getting degrees in Physics and Philosophy at Montana colleges he earned a number of IT certifications, but he can't remember the acronyms. He is the lead staff person supporting the library's new MakerSpace, which opened June 1, 2013. Jim and his lovely and talented wife, Cathy, are building a cabin down the Bitterroot valley. Two years into the project, they are still married.



Dorothea M. (Dottie) Susag grew up in suburban Chicago and graduated from Maine Township High School in the same class as Harrison Ford. Dottie attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and graduated from Montana State University with a B.A. in English and Speech Education. In 1992-93, she received the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship for Montana and has since earned an MA in English (Literature) and an MA in English (Teaching) from the University of Montana. Dottie has authored several published essays and the 1998 NCTE publication, Roots and Branches: A Resource of Native American Literature Themes, Lessons, and Bibliographies. Although retired from teaching full-time, Dottie continues her work as an independent consultant in 6-Trait Writing Assessment, Community-Based Heritage Education, and K-12 Native American Literature Education. Dottie has received local and state Teacher of the Year awards from the Dufresne Association, the Montana Association of Teachers of English Language Arts, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Montana Advisory Council for Indian Education.



Laura Tretter received her MLS from University of Washington in 2001 after working and volunteering in school and public libraries since 1993. She began her professional work as a Children's Librarian/Assistant Director in a small public library in Washington State. She continued working mainly in small public libraries gaining experience "doing it all" including cataloging, collection development, reference, circulation, programming, outreach, and administration. She currently works at the State Law Library of Montana as Technical Services Librarian where work primarily involves cataloging, serials, and acquisitions.

Debbie Winlock is director of the Page Public Library in Arizona. In 2009, she received the Arizona Outreach Award from AZLA. The library was a finalist in the 2011 Best Small Library in America award which let to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation inviting Debbie to attend the Peer Learning Meeting (PLM) in Cape Town, South Africa. Debbie is a Council Member of First Things First: committed to helping Arizona kids five and younger to receive the quality education, healthcare and family support they need to arrive at school healthy and ready to succeed. Debbie attributes her accomplishments to a great staff, wonderful community partnerships and most of all to God who has given her all these many opportunities in life.



Things to do in Helena, Montana!

Montana State Capitol Monday-Saturday 8 am – 5 pm

The Montana Historical Society Museum Monday-Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm, Thursdays until 8

Archie Bray Foundation (guest ceramic artists, gallery) Monday –Saturday 10 am – 5 pm

Cathedral of St. Helena Monday – Saturday 7 am – 6 pm

Exploration Works Tuesday-Saturday 10 am - 5 pm \$9 adult

Governor's Mansion Museum Tuesday - Saturday Tours at noon, 1, 2 and 3 \$4 adult

Grandstreet Theatre – Steel Magnolias through September 29th \$21

Great Northern Carousel 11 am – 8 pm, 9 pm on Saturday \$1.50

Helena Parks and Trails including trails on Mt. Helena

Holter Museum of Art Tuesday-Saturday 10 am – 5:30 pm. Sunday 12 -4 pm

Last Chance Gulch Walking Tour (some shops and most restaurants open in the evening)

Montana Wild – 5th Annual Helena Outdoors Fest September 28th 11 am- 3 pm

Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul & Mary) at the Myrna Loy Center September 27th 7:30 pm \$35

<u>Spring Meadow State Park</u> – 1 mile loop hike

Reeder's Alley walking tour

Local restaurant suggestions:

Benny's Bistro

Bullman's Wood-fired Pizza

Old Miner's Dining Club - check before you go, they keep an irregular schedule

Jade Garden

Lucca's

Mediterranean Grill

On Broadway

The Parrot Confectionary and Soda Fountain 9 am – 6 pm

Riley's Irish Pub

Staggering Ox

Taco del Sol